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Government-owned Property - 20,000 acres or more, 300 mile radius of Washington, D. C.

1. In accordance with your request for information of federally owned property consisting of 20,000 acres of land or more within a radius of 300 miles of Washington, the following information is furnished:

a. Shenandoah National Park, Virginia - 190,000 acres.

b. Great Smoky Mountains National Park - 500,000 acres (covers an area in North Carolina and northern Tennessee).

c. Edgemoor Game Refuge, Dover, Delaware - 3,500 acres. This property is now on a disposal list and is in the process of being decontaminated as it was formerly used as a bombing range.

d. High Point, North Carolina - 16,000 acres. This property consists of 570 individual tracts of land which was acquired by the federal Government prior to World War II for the construction of a dam and hydroelectric plant. The land is apparently improved by numerous properties and detailed information on number and condition is not immediately available. Many of the homes are being occupied by the former owners under a contractual agreement with the Government pending the use of the land for the dam and hydroelectric plant. At the present time there is some pressure from the State of North Carolina to return this property to its former owners as the construction of a hydroelectric plant has now been cancelled.

e. Camp Ellis, Table Grove, Illinois - 17,455 acres. All former improvements in this Camp have since been raised and a determination by the Administrator, General Services Administration, is now pending as to the disposition of this property. Pressure has been brought to bear by state officials to return this property to its former owners.

2. Following is a list of military installations meeting the above specifications:

a. Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland - 71,741 acres.

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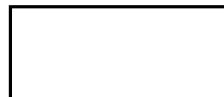
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- b. Fort Dix, New Jersey, Wrightstown; Infantry Division Camp - 33,122 acres.
- c. Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Replacement Training Center - 129,330 acres.
- d. Hill Military Reservation, AP, Fredericksburg, Virginia; Maneuver and Training Area - 77,169 acres.
- e. Fort Lewis, Virginia; Division Camp - 86,945 acres.
- f. Camp Pickett, Blackstone, Virginia; Class I Installation, Active - 45,856 acres.

3. I recognize that sites a and c in paragraph 1 above do not meet the specifications given to me. However, they are included since it is possible that, in the absence of the property meeting the specifications, property of lesser acreage might be suitable.

4. If they are interested in any of these sites, contact will be made with the appropriate individuals for their inspection.



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